

Texas has long been committed to our military bases and the personnel who call the Lone Star State home. That's why we're often recognized for our military friendliness. From training troops and maintaining military equipment to caring for our wounded and overseeing defense contracts, our installations provide both economic and intangible benefits.

As the state's chief financial officer, I appreciate the military's contribution to our economy: \$136.4 billion in total output and a contribution of \$81.3 billion to gross domestic product annually. Our military installations support 804,268 Texans in some capacity, contributing nearly \$48 billion of disposable personal income for our citizens.

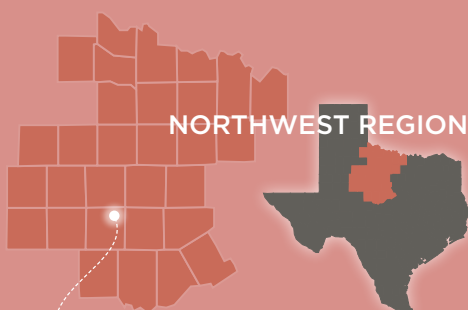
But as with other sectors of the Texas economy, our bases can experience change and uncertainty. By detailing the economic impact of our 15 military installations, we hope to emphasize their importance to strong, diverse and growing regional economies.



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ABOUT DYESS AFB



NORTHWEST REGION

DYESS AFB generates estimated annual disposable personal income of approximately \$1.2 billion.

- Dyess AFB is located on more than 5,300 acres in Taylor County, just west of Abilene.
- It supports operations, staffing, maintenance and medical functions for the 7th Bomb Wing and the 317th Airlift Group.
- Dyess AFB provides medical care for more than 12,000 military retirees.

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Dyess AFB

ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTIONS OF DYESS AFB TO THE TEXAS ECONOMY, 2015

DIRECT EMPLOYMENT

5,369

DIRECT AND INDIRECT EMPLOYMENT

20,208

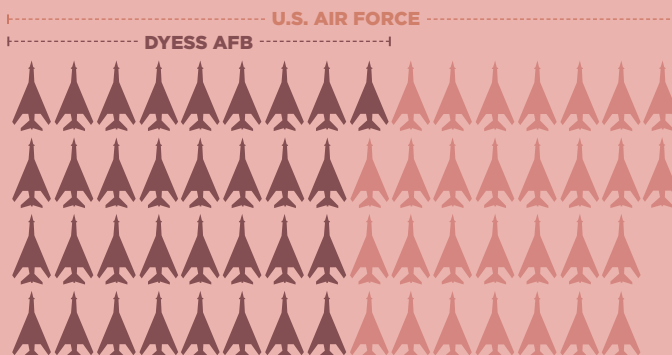
Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

\$3.7 OUTPUT
Billion

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

\$2.1 Billion

DYESS AFB HOUSES MORE THAN HALF OF THE NATION'S 62 ACTIVE-FORCE B1 BOMBERS.



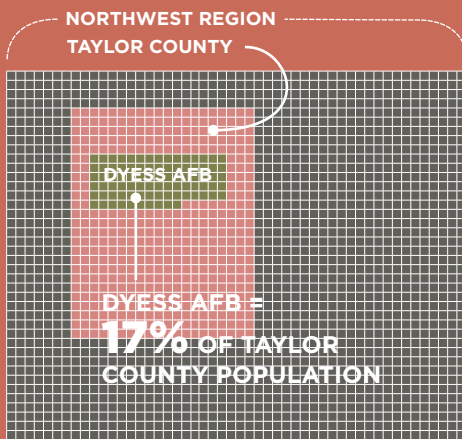
Source: Dyess AFB, U.S. Air Force website

DYESS AFB IS KNOWN AS "THE HOME OF THE B-1." IT BOASTS THE AIR FORCE'S ONLY FORMAL B-1 BOMBER AIR CREW TRAINING UNIT.

Source: Dyess AFB

Major contractors supporting the base's B-1 and C-130 aircraft include Boeing, Lockheed Martin and AAI, a subsidiary of Textron.

POPULATION ASSOCIATED WITH DYESS AFB



Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts,
Dyess AFB and U.S. Census Bureau

AVERAGE WAGES IN TAYLOR COUNTY, 2014



Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

ONE OUT OF EVERY SIX
PEOPLE IN TAYLOR
COUNTY IS ASSOCIATED
WITH DYESS AFB.

THEY ARE EMPLOYEES
(MILITARY, CIVILIAN AND
CONTRACTOR), RETIREES
AND FAMILY MEMBERS.

Source: Dyess AFB and U.S. Census Bureau

EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION

MILITARY EMPLOYMENT AS SHARE OF TOTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT, 2014

REGION	2014 SHARE
ALAMO	3.4%
CAPITAL	0.5%
CENTRAL	9.2%
GULF COAST	0.5%
HIGH PLAINS	0.5%
METROPLEX	0.5%
NORTHWEST	4.8%
SOUTH	1.3%
SOUTHEAST	0.7%
UPPER EAST	0.5%
UPPER RIO GRANDE	8.9%
WEST	1.5%
TEXAS	1.5%
UNITED STATES	1.4%

Military compensation as share of total
regional compensation, 2014:

6.7% Northwest Region

DYESS AFB HAS THE
LARGEST C-130J
TRANSPORTER
GROUP
IN THE AIR FORCE.

Source: Dyess AFB

1.6% Texas

Source: Texas Comptroller
of Public Accounts

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Dyess AFB has a rich history:

- **OPENED IN 1942 AS ABILENE ARMY AIR BASE, IT WAS RENAMED IN 1956 TO HONOR LT. COL. WILLIAM E. DYESS, A SURVIVOR OF THE 85-MILE "BATAAN DEATH MARCH."**
- **DYESS AFB HAS AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF STATIC MILITARY AIRCRAFT ON DISPLAY. ITS LINEAR AIR PARK FEATURES 32 AIRCRAFT FROM WWII TO THE PRESENT.**

Source: Dyess AFB

CONCLUSION

As a significant employer in Taylor County and the Northwest Region, Dyess AFB is a major economic driver and a central component of the area's workforce, supporting one in every six people in the area.

Dyess AFB works closely with the Abilene Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee. Each year, the city hosts "The World's Largest Barbecue" for the military, and Dyess hosts the Big Country Airshow.

Yet the impact of Dyess AFB isn't limited to Taylor County. With its size and prominence, Dyess AFB is a boon to the state, contributing at least **\$3.7 BILLION** to the state's economy, and strengthening Texas' reputation as a military-friendly state.

DYESS AFB IS ONE OF 15 MAJOR TEXAS MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

To see a complete list of these installations, plus more in-depth regional and county-by-county data, visit:

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